

Modernisation Scheme of MIG-27 Aircraft

733. SHRI SATYA DEO SINGH :
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have postponed the modernisation scheme of MIG-27 aircraft inducted in the Indian Air Force;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) the number of MIG-27 aircraft lying unused due to modernisation;

(d) whether talks were held between the Russian and Indian authorities in this regard; and

(e) if so, the outcome of the talks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) and (b) No, Sir. Upgradation of MIG-27 is planned during the 9th Plan period.

(c) No MIG-27 aircraft is lying unused.

(d) and (e) Upgradation of the MIG-27 is planned indigenously. No talks in this regard have been held with the Russians.

[English]

Pipeline Gas Connections in Mumbai

734. SHRI CHINTAMAN WANAGA : Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have approved a plan to provide Mumbai High Natural Gas through pipeline for domestic use in Mumbai; and

(b) if so, the areas likely to be covered by the pipeline gas connections?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI JANESHWAR MISHRA) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) It is proposed to cover parts of the Greater Mumbai area by the pipeline gas connection.

Leasing out of Land in Bombay

735. SHRI SHIVAJI VITHALRAO KAMBLE :
SHRI BANWARI LAL PUROHIT :
SHRI ANNASAHIB M.K. PATIL :

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the CBI has registered case against the officials of National Airport Authority for leasing out of land in Bombay and causing a loss to the exchequer;

(b) if so, the facts and details in this regard;

(c) whether the Government have taken/propose to take any action against the involved National Airport Authority officials and against the owner of private airlines; and

(d) if so, the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI C.M. IBRAHIM) : (a) Yes Sir.

(b) to (d) The case is under investigation of the CBI.

IAF Plane crash in Assam

736. SHRI RAJKESHAR SINGH :
SHRI ANAND RATNA MAURYA :
KUMARI UMA BHARATI :
SHRI SUSHIL CHANDRA :

Will the Minister of DEFENCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether two MIG-21 fighter planes of Air Force collided in the mid air before landing at Chaubua air force station in Kalari, Assam recently;

(b) if so, the number of person killed/injured in this accident;

(c) whether any enquiry has been conducted to ascertain the causes of the accident;

(d) if so, the outcome thereof; and

(e) the action taken against the persons found responsible for this accident?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF DEFENCE (SHRI N.V.N. SOMU) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Two pilots were killed.

(c) to (e) The Court of Inquiry into the accident is in progress.

Filling of Vacancies

737. SHRI MURALIDHAR JENA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the percentage of vacancies of teaching and non-teaching posts in KVS filled in by departmental promotion; and